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June 22, 2007

Patricia L. Clarke, M.D.  
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**RE: N.G. v Patricia L. Clarke, M.D.**  
**Case # MD-06-0462A**

Dear Dr. Clarke:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that during the course of the December 6-7, 2006 public meeting, the Arizona Medical Board (Board) reviewed the above-referenced complaint and all pertinent evidence and information gathered during the investigation. At the conclusion of its review, the Board voted to issue you this Advisory Letter for failure to appropriately document interaction with patient to support comprehensive history, physical and moderate medical decision making for billing code with 10 hours non-disciplinary CME in medical billing codes.

An advisory letter is a non-disciplinary action, and is not subject to review by either the Board or the Courts. See *Murphy v. Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Arizona*, 190 Ariz. 441, 949 P.2d 530 (App. 1997). However, you may file a written response to the letter with the Board within thirty days after its receipt A.R.S. § 32-1451(E)(2). If timely received, the response will be attached to the advisory letter and maintained in your permanent file. The written response will also be hyperlinked to your profile on the Board's website.

Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to address the Board. Complaints brought before the Board are taken seriously and your input into the adjudication process, on behalf of your client, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Bober".

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1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **PATRICIA L. CLARKE, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. **26877**  
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case Number: MD-06-0462A

**ORDER FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL  
EDUCATION**

**(NON-DISCIPLINARY)**

7 At its public meeting on December 7-8, 2006 the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") issued an  
8 Advisory Letter to Patricia L. Clarke, M.D. ("Physician") for failure to appropriately document an  
9 interaction with a patient to support a comprehensive history, physical and moderate decision to  
10 support billing code 99205. In addition, the Board voted to require Physician to obtain 10 hours of  
11 Continuing Medical Education in medical billing codes. A.R.S. 32-1451(I)(2).

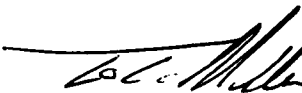
12 **ORDER**

13 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that within one year of the date of this Order Physician shall  
14 obtain 10 hours of Board Staff pre-approved Category I Continuing Medical Education ("CME") in  
15 medical billing codes and provide Board Staff with satisfactory proof of attendance. The CME  
16 hours shall be in addition to the hours required for biennial renewal of medical license.  
17 Respondent's failure to complete the CME will subject her to future disciplinary action by the  
18 Board. A.R.S. § 32-1451(27)(r).

19 DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.

21 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD



By 


TIMOTHY C. MILLER, J.D.  
Executive Director

1 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this  
2 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2006 with:

3 The Arizona Medical Board  
4 9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road  
5 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

6 Executed copy of the foregoing  
7 mailed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December,  
8 2006, to:

9 Patricia L. Clarke, M.D.  
10 Address of Record

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Re: Case # MD-06-0462A  
Advisory Letter

Dear Ms. Thornton,

Please adhere the following to any notes on the AMB's website concerning this case:

The AMB responded to a complaint from a new patient presenting with untreated Hepatitis C. Dr. Clarke was unwilling to refill Xanax, metabolized by the liver, until current liver function test verified safety. The patient did not want to pay a bill for a visit, consisting of a history, exam, and a 92 minute consultation, without receiving the refills at once. The AMB found Dr. Clarke handled the patient's care correctly and her coding did NOT constitute fraudulent billing. The AMB directed Dr. Clarke to obtain 10 CME credit for a technical error in documentation: neglecting to indicate "counseling dominated the encounter."

Respectfully,



Patricia StandTal Clarke, MD  
Cc: Stephen Meyers, Esq.